

view of Guyer. There is no teaching or suggestion in Guyer of the desirability of arranging the scoring indicia in different orders or patterns from one game to the next, as is presently being done. In fact, Guyer teaches away from this feature by providing a master dye 19 which is used to determine which scoring indicia is to be used in determining the point value earned on a player's turn. There would be no reason to have a master dye 19 if the scoring indicia could themselves be arranged in a random pattern or order. One advantage of providing separate and independently movable score manipulation members is that each may be removed from play once used. This is not possible with the game of Guyer.

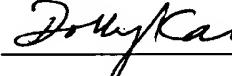
For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 8 should be allowed. Since the remaining claims each depend, either directly or indirectly, on claim 1 or 8, they should likewise be found allowable.

Should the Examiner believe however that additional amendments to the claims may be required to secure allowance of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-noted number to facilitate further prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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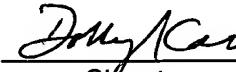
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